

FACT SHEET

Comprehensive General Permit for Discharges to Surface Water and Groundwater **REISSUANCE WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS**

1.0 Permit Overview

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP or Department) is reissuing and administering the General Permit for the *Comprehensive General Permit for Discharges to Surface Water and Groundwater* (General Permit) under the authority of Section 22a-430b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 91-263. The Comprehensive General Permit was initially issued on December 14, 2017 and consolidated previous general permits that authorized discharges to the surface and ground waters into a single regulatory framework as well as some common discharges that were previously not included under any general permit.

This General Permit authorizes the discharge of non-contact cooling or geothermal heat pump water, water treatment wastewater, hydrostatic pressure testing of natural gas and petroleum tanks and pipelines wastewater, potable water system maintenance of tanks and pipelines wastewater, fire suppression testing wastewater, hydrant flushing wastewater, and boiler blowdown wastewater (to groundwater only) to either surface or ground waters.

2.0 Reissuance of the General Permit Without Modifications:

The current General Permit expires on March 29, 2023. In order for the regulated community to maintain permit coverage, **the current General Permit will be reissued without modifications for a duration not to exceed two (2) years.** The Department is *not* requiring existing permittees to submit a new registration form as part of this reissuance and the coverage will remain in effective until the expiration date of this General Permit. Permittees are required to comply with all permit limits and conditions of this General Permit to ensure their discharge does not cause pollution. The Commissioner intends to issue a new General Permit *with modifications* prior to the expiration of this General Permit. Reissuing this General Permit *without modifications* for an additional two (2) years, will allow continued permit coverage for the regulated community and provide the Department adequate time to make necessary changes, if any.

3.0 Qualified Professional

This General Permit requires permittees that must submit a registration have a Qualified Professional (PE, LEP, or CHMM) to perform the following:

- Examine and be familiar with the information provided in a registration.
- Certify, based on reasonable investigation, that the information provided is true, accurate, and complete.
- Make an affirmative determination that the treatment system and/or best management practices developed for the discharge, are adequate to assure that the activity authorized under the Comprehensive General Permit will comply with the terms and conditions of such general permit.
- Provide a certification regarding such affirmative determination for discharges that continue for longer than thirty (30) days.

4.0 Fees

This General Permit requires a registration fee of \$625.00 for discharges requiring Registration Only or \$1,250.00 if an Approval of Registration is required (Section 22a-6f of the Connecticut General Statutes).

5.0 Effluent Limits & Permit Conditions

Effluent limits for discharges to the surface water were established based on best available technology and aquatic life criteria, whichever was more protective. These limits take into consideration available dilution in the receiving stream where appropriate, impaired waters, and surface water classifications.

Effluent limits for discharges to the groundwater are specified in the permit. These limits are highly dependent on the groundwater classification and the nature of the injection.

All authorized activities must comply with the conditions set forth in this General Permit, which include operating, monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. Noncompliance with this General Permit may subject such discharger to enforcement action. All authorized activities under this General Permit must comply with all applicable local, state and federal requirements.

This overview is designed to provide basic information. You should refer to the appropriate statutes and regulations for the specific regulatory citation. This document should not be relied upon to determine whether this or any other environmental permit is required. It is your responsibility to ensure that all required permits have been obtained.